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For : A METHOD OF DETECTION OF SP-A2 GENE VARIANTS USEFUL
: FOR PREDICTION OF PREDISPOSITION TO ASPERGILLOSIS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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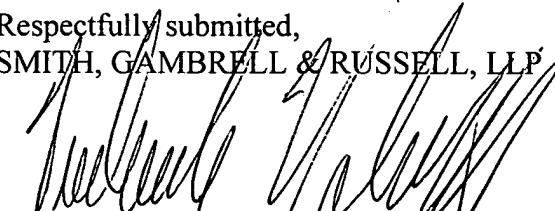
In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation form (PTO-1449) which lists the documents cited in the parent U.S. application Serial No. 10/102,731 by the Examiner and the Applicant. Copies of the documents cited are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that these cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that they be made officially of record therein.

With reference to the Saxena reference (AG on PTO 1449 form), the inventors of the instant application state that the reference relates association of polymorphisms in the collagen region of SP-A2 with increased levels of total IgE antibodies and eosinophilia in patients with allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis.

It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

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